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SUBJECT: U.S./GOV LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ON BOEING

REF: STATE 37815 (B) USUN 406

FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY

1. OUR CURRENT THINKING ON FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLVE BOEING
CASE WOULD BE TO HAVE YOU GIVE NOTE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ
AT OPPORTUNE TIME EXPLAINING OUR SUBSTANTIVE POSITION
ON JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, OUR NEED FOR CERTAIN
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, FACT THAT WE HAVE SOLVED PROBLEMS
ARISING WITH RESPECT TO LANGUAGE OF AGREEMENT IN EVERY
CASE WE HAVE NEGOTIATED THUS FAR, AND OUR VIEW THAT
PROBLEMS GOV HAS WITH TEXT SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF RESOLUTION.
IN ESSENCE, SINCE WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DEPART FROM SUB-
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STANTIVE POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THESE
KINDS OF AGREEMENTS, APPROACH SIMPLY MEANS THAT WE ARE
GOING OVER THE HEAD OF JUSTICE VICE MINISTER TO PERSUADE
PEREZ THAT OBTAINING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT
SHOULD NOT BE TROUBLESOME. IF YOU CONCUR WITH THIS
APPROACH, WE WILL PREPARE DRAFT NOTE FOR YOUR PRESENTATION
TO PEREZ.

2. WE OBVIOUSLY SEEK TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH GOV
FEELS WE ARE UNWILLING TO ASSIST IT IN THIS CASE, AND
ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE SEEKING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON
MEASURES TO CURB ILLICIT CORPORATE PAYMENTS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON GOV REACTIONS TO OUR FAILURE TO
COME TO TERMS THUS FAR IN BOEING MATTER AND ON ANY
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO RESOLVE ISSUE.

3. REF B DESCRIBES STATUS OF U.S. EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE
A MULTILATERAL TREATY IN U.N. AND IMPORTANCE OF
LDCS (INCLUDING VENEZUELA) TO THIS EXERCISE.
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